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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT ALLENDE'S DAUGHTER VISITS SWEDEN

SUMMARY: ALLENDE'S DAUGHTER ISABEL STOPPED OFF IN STOCKHOLM EN ROUTE FROM HELSINKI TO PARIS. DURING HER WELL PUBLICIZED VISIT, SHE DESCRIBED HER FATHER'S DEATH, ACCUSED THE US OF COMPLICITY IN THE COUP, AND CALLED FOR GUERRILLA WARFARE IN CHILE. END SUMMARY.

1. PRESIDENT ALLENDE'S DAUGHTER ISABEL HAS BEEN VISITING STOCKHOLM ON HER WAY FROM HELSINKI WHERE SHE PARTICIPATED IN A CONFERENCE ON CHILE. SHE AND HER HUSBAND LUIS TAMBUTI WILL GO TO PARIS, ITALY, AND ALGERIA BEFORE RETURNING TO MEXICO.

2. IN STOCKHOLM, SRA. DE TAMBUTI MET FOREIGN MINISTER KRISTER WICKMAN AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SWEDISH POLITICAL PARTIES. SHE GAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH UNCLASSIFIED

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WAS PROMINENTLY REPORTED ON INSIDE PAGES BY THE TWO

STOCKHOLM MORNING PAPERS, AND HER VISIT WAS COVERED BY TV.

3. ISABEL ALLENDE TOLD THE PRESS THAT LONG, HARD STRUGGLE TO LIBERATE CHILE LIES AHEAD. "FIGHT CANNOT BE CARRIED OUT BY LEGAL MEANS, SINCE OPPOSITION PARTIES ARE SILENCED AND MOST IMPORTANT TRADE UNION IS DECLARED ILLEGAL. NEITHER CAN IT BE CARRIED ON IDEOLOGICALLY SINCE PRESS IS SILENCED BY CENSORSHIP. THERE IS NO OTHER WAY OUT THAN AN ARMED UNDERGROUND RESISTANCE."

4. SHE DESCRIBED IN DETAIL FINAL HOURS OF PRESIDENT ALLENDE, AS TOLD HER BY MEMBERS OF PRESIDENT'S BODY-GUARDS, SOME OF WHOM ESCAPED. MRS. TAMBUTI SAID HER FATHER WAS FIRST HIT IN STOMACH BY A BULLET. THEN HE SAT DOWN ON A SOFA AND CONTINUED TO FIRE HIS WEAPON UNTIL HE WAS HIT NEAR THE HEART BY ANOTHER BULLET. LATER HE WAS HIT IN THE THROAT. FAITHFUL GUARDS THEN CARRIED HIM TO HIS OFFICE AND COVERED HIS BODY WITH A FLAG. PALACE WAS ON FIRE. FROM THE FIREMEN SHE LEARNT THERE WERE EIGHT BULLETS IN PRESIDENT'S BODY AND SHE CONCLUDES THAT ENEMY FIRED AT HIM AFTER HIS DEATH.

5. ASKED ABOUT ROLE PLAYED BY US IN COUP, SRA. DE TAMBUTI SAID: "WE CHILEANS AND LATIN AMERICANS HAVE NOTED THAT US PLAYS A ROLE IN EVERY MILITARY COUP ON CONTINENT. DURING THE ALLENDE REGIME, THE CREDITS WERE CUT OFF AND THE AMERICANS HAD THEIR FINGERS IN THE POLITICAL STRIKES, PARTICULARLY IN THE TRUCKING STRIKE LAST SUMMER. THE UNITED STATES SOLD COPPER FROM ITS STOCKPILES TO HURT CHILE'S COPPER EXPORT.... WHO HAS AN INTEREST IN VIOLENCE?" SRA. DE TAMBUTI ASKED. "US IS USING REGIMES LIKE BOLIVIA, URUGUAY AND NOW CHILE TO WEAKEN PERU AND ARGENTINA. US COULD NOT TOLERATE TWO INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA, LIKE CUBA AND CHILE.... THE STRUGGLE FOR THE CHILEAN REVOLUTION IS NOT OVER. REACTION OF WORLD OPINION, WITH PROTESTS AND MANIFESTATIONS OF SYMPATHY, MEANS A LOT TO US. BUT HOW STRUGGLE WILL BE ORGANIZED WE DON'T KNOW, THAT CAN ONLY BE KNOWN IN CHILE. A PROBLEM FOR US IS THAT WE HAVE NO EXPERIENCE OF GUERRILLA WARFARE."

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